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DREDGING CORPORATION OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the functioning of the Dredging Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that major dredging work at ports is now being given on a turnkey basis to private companies specialising in the work;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to limit the scope of work of the Dredging Corporation of India;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the number of dredgers operating under DCI at present; and

(g) the details of loss suffered by DCI during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SRHIPAD Y. NAYAK)

(a) & (b) Review of performance of Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) is undertaken periodically wherein issues like income/expenditure, profit, dredging capacity, capital investments, financial projections, status of various projects, future plans etc. are discussed.

(c) As per the present policy, all major ports (except Kolkota Port Trust), at their option, may call tenders for maintenance dredging or negotiate with DCI for executing the work on nomination basis. In case, the tender route is followed by the Port, Indian companies will get the first right of refusal vis-Ã -vis foreign companies. Within Indian companies, DCI being a Public Sector Undertaking, will get Purchase Preference provided its price is within 10% of the lowest valid bid. Maintenance dredging requirements of Kolkata Port would be met by DCI till the port finalizes its maintenance dredging policy.

(d) & (e) There is no proposal to limit the scope of work of DCI so far as the dredging works are concerned.

(f) DCI at present is operating 10 Trailer Suction Hopper Dredgers and 2 Cutter Suction Dredgers.

(g) DCI has made net profits during last two financial years for which audited financial results are available i.e. 1999-2000 & 2000-01.